GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1503
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RESERVATION OF COACHES BY PRIVATE PARTIES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and charges fixed by the Railways for reservation of coaches by the private parties for special occasions;

(b) whether it is also permissible to charter a particular train for such occasions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to encourage this practice for the development of tourism in the country;

(e) whether any special fare is required to be paid for hiring the special trains for such purposes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): The party should apply for reservation of coaches through the Station Manager to the Chief Passenger Traffic Manager of the concerned Railway giving details of the destination, route to be followed, halts required en-route and specific trains to which the coach is to be attached, at least 30 days in advance and not more than 6 months prior to the commencement of the journey. Coaches are booked on Full Tariff Rates which include basic Fare, Security Deposit of Rs. 10,000/- per coach, 15% of the fare as Service charge, Safety Surcharge, Empty Haulage charge for flat 200 KM per coach and Detention charge. Fares for a special coach are computed point to point on the basis of Full adult Mail/Express fares of the concerned class for the actual number of persons travelling or the marked carrying capacity of the coaches whichever is more. Fare is charged for a minimum distance of 500 KM for single journey and 1000 km for round trip.

(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. The party desirous of booking a chartered train can apply for a Special train through the Station Manager to the Chief Passenger Traffic Manager of the concerned Railway giving details of the destination, route to be followed, haltsrequired en-route, at least 30 days in advance and not more than 6 months prior to the commencement of the journey. Special trains are booked on Full Tariff Rates which include Basic Fare, Security Deposit,15% of the Fare as Service charge, Safety Surcharge, Empty Haulage charge for flat 200 KM per coach and Detention charge. Fares for a special train are computed point to point for the actual number of persons travelling or the marked carrying capacity of the coaches whichever is more. Fare for a special train is charged for a minimum composition of 15 coaches and for a minimum distance of 500 KM for single journey and 1000 km for round trip.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.